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CONGRATULATIONS

LEAPING WOLF BADGE

CHRISTOPHER NATHAN BELL of 1st Cotswold
JEREMY HART of 1st Grahamstown

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

AFRICA SUMMIT

A summit of Africa Scout countries is to take place in Mafikeng from 5 to 11 May 2001, sponsored mainly by the Premier of the North West Province. Main item on the agenda will be discussion of the revised 10 year Development Plan for Africa, focussing on Programme Development; Adult Leader Training; Effective Administration; Finance and Recruitment. The summit will be chaired by the new Regional Director for Africa, Mr Kinuthia Murugu, and each country will be represented by two senior officials. Mr Garnet De La Hunt, chairman of the World Committee, and Mr Phillipe Pijollet of the World Scout Bureau will attend, as will members of the Africa Scout Committee.

AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Africa Regional Conference will take place in Gabon from 2 to 7 September 2001. The South African delegation will be led by the Chief Scout, Mr Nkwenkwe Nkomo, who is a member of the Africa Scout Committee.

Winston M Adams

Director - for International Department

1ST SUNRIDGE GIRL CUBS

Girls have always been Brownies, but now at the 1st Sunridge Group, Girl Cubs have become a reality. On the 26 January the 1st Sunridge Girl Cub Pack officially started. We started with 6 girls and have now grown to 16.

On 30 March the first Girl Cubs were invested. Wow, what an achievement. Congratulations Girls. For more details on how to join the 1st Sunridge Girl Cub Pack contact Jenni on 379 2426.

Pack Scouter Jenni Bubb



Back L-R: GS Eddie Dell, PS Jenni Bubb, APS Belinda Higgs
Middle L-R: Tracey van Greunen, Mia Melin, Aileen Fourie,
Lauren Kennedy, Abigail Saayman
Front L-R: Sarah Rabbolini, Lesley Reynard, Andrea Ratcliff,
Roxanne Carr, Shelby Kluyts, Michelle de Lange

With acknowledgements to LA FEMME, a supplement to the Eastern Province HERALD of April 18, 2001, the following extract:

Jenni and her colleagues at the Sunridge Group introduced the 1st Sunridge Girl Cub Pack, the first "land" cubs in the Eastern Cape. This is a group of girls between 7 and 11 years and they will receive the same skills and training that the boys do, including reading compasses, going on camps, first aid and undertaking various community projects.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19 May	Pack Helpers Workshop, PE
26 May	East London Beach Day
12 June	District Scouters' Council
16 June	1st Cotswold Mystery Car Rally
23 - 24 June	Area Scout Council
30 June	Algoa Pet Show
02 - 07 July	Scout Week
07 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth
14 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth

12 August	1st Cotswold Scout Soccer Challenge
29 September	KTV Day - (Note Change)
10-19 Dec	7th South African National Jamboree, SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng

2002

02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, East London
April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
28 Dec-08 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

1ST PORT ALFRED NEWS

Four Scouts, namely John Potter, Gareth Forsbury, Ricky Forsbury and Stephen Purdon built a raft of bamboo and 20 litre plastic drums and took part in the Port Alfred Masons charity fundraiser on Saturday 23 March 2001. They were the youngest crew to participate. These lads, who had not rowed or practised together, managed to row from Kiddies Beach to Centenary Park. Luckily the tide was coming in. They finished 3rd in their category and were awarded a special prize – a lovely wooden trophy. This was a wonderful experience for the four of them, especially Stephen Purdon, as he had linked up with Scouts the night before. Well done lads, 1st Port Alfred is proud of you.

Scouter Dot Fetherstonhaugh

KONTIKI

With acknowledgements to Algoa Anchor News

It could have been called a swimming gala, because our Scouts were as wet as if they had been swimming. It was a grey, wet weekend but this did not bring down the spirit of the Kontiki. On the Saturday, 21 rafts took to the water to challenge each other in speed and skills. Scouts and Guides who didn't go on the water had a ball with a variety of land activities. It seemed a bit difficult to have a potjiekos competition in the pouring rain, but somehow it was done. I heard it was even edible!!

Sunday morning looked a bit better and first on the agenda was a Time Race for Scouts and Guides. Then cubs took to the water. One of the Algoa boys' rafts came in the top 3 but unfortunately the Algoa Zoeloe Cubs of the 2nd Pack paddled their last few metres in the pouring rain. Then some supporters had a short and sweet race to the other bank and back and Algoa came 2nd.

Sarah, Erika, Shelly and Johan presented the Scouts' Own and then everybody was waiting in anticipation for the prize giving. Congratulations to the Penguin Patrol for winning the Trophy for best 4-man raft on Saturday, and the fastest raft in the Sunday race. The Dolphin Patrol also took home a Trophy : The Shipwreck Trophy : for having the most spirit and hanging in there to the bitter end. And isn't that what Scouting is all about!!

Scouter Lisbet Demeyer

GOALS: You see things and say "why?" I dreamed things far away that never were and I say "why not?"
George Bernard Shaw

ACHIEVEMENT: The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way you use them.
Andre Agassi

SERVICE OFFER

Stephan Klatt is a young scout leader from Baden in Germany and a student of Industrial Engineering and Management Science. He is volunteering to work in the South African Scout Association from September 2001 to mid January 2002. He is keen to do a stint in Mafikeng at the Scout Centre there and also wishes to be a staff member at SANJAMB. In return for his services Stephan would require free board and lodging. Would any Area or Areas who are interested in having Stephan for all or part of the time kindly contact me at SAHQ as soon as possible.

Winston M Adams.

Director – for International Department.



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Goodenough Dlamini, the South African Contingent Leader, and I have visited Thailand to participate in a special gathering of World Jamboree Contingent leaders.

The jamboree site is quite magnificent, situated as it is on its own 2km strip of tropical beach. Extensive preparations are underway, preparing the campsites and facilities for what promises to be a very special event.

We sent out information some while ago (see Nov/Dec Outtray) and will soon be following this up with another circular and application forms for scouts and also adult leaders. This will be the first time that girls will form part of the contingent so we are inviting female adult leaders to apply for positions on the jamboree contingent staff. Applications are also invited from young leaders wishing to be considered for the International Support Staff.

All applications, both from scouts and adult leaders, will have to be approved by Areas before submission to SAHQ.

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CUB SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Cub Soccer Challenge, hosted by 1st Newton Park, had to be postponed on 1st April due to rain. The event was re-scheduled for Sunday 8th April. The day was drizzly and after a vote was taken it was decided that the soccer would commence. However, the weather did not play ball and the drizzle became heavier, causing Jan to call a halt to the challenge. Most went home, but a few stayed on to enjoy some social soccer.

Thanks to Jan and Cliff Hopkins and the 1st Newton Park parents for all their preparations and effort.

CHOLERA IN OUR AREA!!

We have heard the dreaded news that the first person with Cholera has died in the Eastern Cape. As Scouters it is our duty make sure that we know how to prevent the spread of this awful disease and teach our Scouts and Cubs the basic methods of avoiding contact and how they can prevent themselves, and all those around them from becoming a victim. If we call ourselves a SERVICE organisation, let's do something about this.

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

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<http://come.to/mlitho>

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SKILLS COURSE IN BUTTERWORTH

A pre-warrant skills course was held in Butterworth on the 24 & 25th March at the Ncapayi JS School. 31 participants eagerly took part in all the sessions and activities presented by all the trainers present. A number of participants were invested at this course. Trainers were brought in from all the Transkei and Ciskei regions and participants came



Matthew Reve demonstrating knotting to the new scouts.

from as far afield as Port Elizabeth, Mc Lear, Tsolo and Ugie. It was certainly a eye opener to see the way the various trainers went about putting their sessions across. A lot of training is done by way of a sing-song and is very effective. The participants could not get enough and were keen to know when a warrant course would be held. A lot of learning and fun was had by all despite all the interruption of the thunderstorms and ram.



WARRANT COURSE IN BUTTERWORTH

As promised to all the participants at the previous 2 course a warrant course was held at the Ncapayi JS School from the 6th to 10th April. Once again thunderstorms and lots of ram were the order of the day but this did not dampen any spirits. 33 participants from far afield were present. The training programme was put across very effectively and was well received by all the participants. At every break campfire songs and items (Skits) were practiced only to see the proper campfire washed out by rain and at times the yard resembled a lake. However, a makeshift campfire around a gas lamp was held, much to the delight of the

participants. All in all a very successful course and 33 very tired participants departed, full of enthusiasm and rearing to get back to their groups to practice what they had learnt.



Troop Scouts in camp.



Pack Scouts deep in discussion. Letitia Tsheyu and Stella Sibanga look on.

INTRODUCTION AND SKILLS COURSE AT MACLEAR

On the 7th March members of the Eastern Regions training team conducted a combined Introduction and Skills course in Maclear at the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountain range. The beautiful terrain made one forget all about one's stress levels.

At this course 20 participants went through the vigorous training sessions under the leadership of Patience Vili and Vuyani Gibson. A number of new recruits were also invested at this course. A lot of enthusiasm was instilled in all the participants and they are rearing to get their respective Packs and Troops up and running.



Patience Vili investing the new scouts.



Maybe this scout band was waiting the arrival of BP and his wife Olave outside the old Port Elizabeth Railway station at the beginning of his 1927 visit to the city. If anyone can throw more light on this photograph please contact the editor.

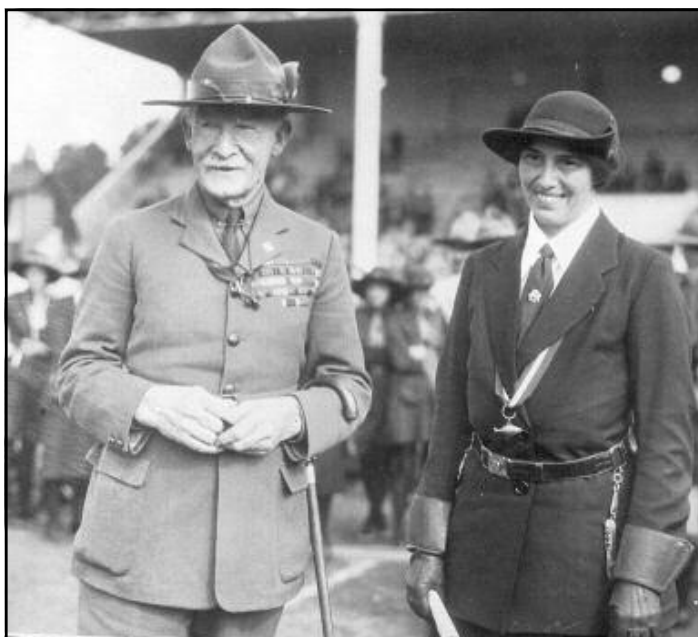
CAMPFIRES . . .

Campfires should be a big part of your Pack or Troop programme. Campfires are not only part of a camp programme, this is where most Scouts and Cubs experience them. Your weekly programme could be built around a Campfire - singing, skits, dancing - Jungle games for the cubs and other ideas you can think up for yourselves. A Group Campfire could be an occasion for parents and friends to be invited and see their children doing something artistic. What better occasion for an investiture to take place alongside the campfire. You would, of course, observe all the rules attached to that investiture.



B-P gave us the ultimate hint - all the chapters in Scouting for Boys had the title "Campfire Yarn 1" etc. He meant scouts and cubs to do things outdoors and not be stuck inside a stuffy hall or room all meeting. Encourage your scouts and cubs to make a Campfire blanket and all scouters should already have a blanket with a record of their activities in badges and scarves etc. sewn on. For a start an ordinary blanket can be draped around the shoulders and fastened in front with that old fashioned thing, a blanket pin. Believe it or not I have seen them recently in habdashery shops. Every scouter should study up on the correct way to conduct a campfire. By the time you have attended a Warrant course you will have been shown how it is done and have had a chance to run a Campfire yourself.

Kiwit



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